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Education Committee

Dear Members of the Education Committee, Committee,

As an advocate with Food Allergy Research & Education, I am writing to you to voice my support of HB 5452. The bill addresses important concerns regarding the safety of students, including allowing school transportation personnel to intervene in an allergic emergency, having the state update current school food allergy guidelines, and putting policies in place to keep food allergic students safely participating in culinary programs.

My 6 yr old son is an Epi-pen carrier for 5 foods and has oral allergies to a handful more. It is terrifying to send him to school on a bus that mandates that the bus driver is not able to provide his emergency medicine. The truth is if there is any exposure to his allergies on the bus he could lose his life waiting for an 'approved'

adult to administer his Epi-pen. The approval of his bill will be life saving for my son and life changing for our family.

For these reasons, I ask you to bring HB 5452 to a vote and vote YES. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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